

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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**LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY,**

Case No. 2:13-cv-00852-LDG-PAL
ORDER

Plaintiff,

V.

WYNN LAS VEGAS, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

13 Before the court is the parties' Stipulated Order Governing Confidential Information,
14 which the court approved to facilitate discovery in this case. This order also reminds counsel
15 that there is a presumption of public access to judicial files and records. A party seeking to file a
16 confidential document under seal must file a motion to seal and must comply with the Ninth
17 Circuit's directives in *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006).

The court has adopted electronic filing procedures, and with a few exceptions not applicable here, the Clerk of the Court no longer maintains paper records. Special Order 109 requires the Clerk of the Court to maintain the official files for all cases filed on or after November 7, 2005, in electronic form. The electronic record constitutes the official record of the court. Attorneys must file documents under seal using the court's electronic filing procedures. See LR 10-5(b). That rule provides:

24 Unless otherwise permitted by statute, rule or prior Court order,
25 papers filed with the Court under seal shall be accompanied by a
26 motion for leave to file those documents under seal, and shall be
27 filed in accordance with the Court's electronic filing procedures. If
28 papers are filed under seal pursuant to prior Court order, the papers
shall bear the following notation on the first page, directly under the
case number: "FILED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO COURT
ORDER DATED .". All papers filed under seal will

1 remain sealed until such time as the Court may deny the motion to
2 seal or enter an order to unseal them, or the documents are unsealed
3 pursuant to Local Rule.

4 The court has approved the parties' blanket protective order to facilitate their discovery
5 exchanges. However, the parties have not shown, and court has not found, that any specific
6 documents are secret or confidential. The parties have not provided specific facts supported by
7 affidavits or concrete examples to establish that a protective order is required to protect any
8 specific trade secret or other confidential information *under* Rule 26(c) or that disclosure would
9 cause an identifiable and significant harm. The Ninth Circuit has held that there is a presumption
10 of public access to judicial files and records and that parties seeking to maintain the
11 confidentiality of documents attached to non-dispositive motions must show good cause exists to
12 overcome the presumption of public access. *See Kamakana* 447 F.3d at 1179. Parties seeking to
13 maintain the secrecy of documents attached to dispositive motions must show compelling
14 reasons sufficient to overcome the presumption of public access. *Id.* at 1180.

15 Accordingly,

16 **IT IS ORDERED** that the parties shall comply with LR 10-5(b) and the Ninth Circuit's
17 opinion in *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006) when filing documents under seal.

18 Dated this 10th day of July, 2014.
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PEGGY A. LEEN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE